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Public Hearing on Plans for Storrs Center, Phases 1A & 1B – Rescheduled for Feb. 3

January 31, 2011 – The Mansfield Downtown Partnership has rescheduled its public hearing on plans for Phases 1A and 1B of Storrs Center for **Thursday, February 3 at 7:00 pm** in Room 7 of the Bishop Center (located at 1 Bishop Circle in Storrs). The hearing has been rescheduled due to the forecast for snow on Tuesday. The monthly open house scheduled for Thursday will be cancelled as staff will be at the public hearing.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Mansfield's Zoning Regulations for the Storrs Center Special Design District. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments on a Zoning Permit application of Storrs Center Alliance LLC and Education Realty Trust Inc. to develop Phases 1A and 1B of the Storrs Center project.

Storrs Center will be a mixed-use town center and main street corridor at the crossroads of the Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut and will feature retail, restaurant, and office uses with a variety of residence types all within walking distance of existing civic spaces, including E.O. Smith High School, the Mansfield Community Center, and Town Hall. Proposed Phase 1A, which is located at the northeast corner of Dog Lane and Storrs Road, will include approximately 27,000 square feet of commercial space and 127 apartment units. Proposed Phase 1B, which is located at the southeast corner of Dog Lane and Storrs Road, will include approximately 42,000 square feet of commercial space and 160 apartments.

The public hearing will consist of a presentation of the proposed plans and an opportunity for public comment as to whether the proposed plans are consistent with the Storrs Center Special Design District regulations, available on the Partnership's website, www.mansfieldct.org/mdp. Application materials, including project mapping and traffic, parking, and stormwater drainage information, are available for review at the Mansfield Planning Office at 4 South Eagleville Road, the Downtown Partnership Office at 1244 Storrs Road, the Mansfield Public Library at 54 Warrentown Road, and at www.mansfieldct.gov.

For more information about the Storrs Center project, please visit the Partnership's website, which includes detailed information as well as a list of frequently asked questions. Interested residents may also call the Partnership office (860.429.2740) with questions about the proposed plans for Phases 1A and 1B of Storrs Center.